mills in the Cooperative Sector in Gujarat are as under:—

(1) The Narmada Rao Utpadakani Sahakari Spinning Mills Ltd., Distt. Bharuch.

(2) The Sabarkantha Jilla Ru Utpadakani Cooperative Spinning Mills Ltd., Distt. Sabarkantha.

(3) Saurashtra Cooperative Spinning Mills Ltd., Limbdi Surendra Nagar Distt.

(4) The Surat Distt. Cooperative Spinning Mills Ltd., Distt. Surat.

(5) The Visnagar Cooperative Spinning Mills Ltd., Visanagar Distt. Mehsana (North Gujarat).

(c) Government of Gujarat has not proposed setting up of any new mills during the next year.

**Slump in silk saree industry**

*478. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a slump in the silk saree industry in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the condition of weavers engaged in the industry is miserable;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to arrest the slump in the industry and improve the condition of weavers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d) While off-take of silk items is subject to seasonal variations, there are no reports with Central Government about adverse conditions of the weavers.

A number of Schemes are being implemented for providing different types of assistance to the weavers (including silk weavers) for ameliorating their conditions. Further, in order to encourage/boost the silk production in the country, the Central Silk Board is supplementing the efforts of various State Governments by providing necessary support through its country-wide network of research, extension & training units. Besides a World Bank assisted National Sericulture Project is also under implementation.

Further, with a view to make available quality silk yarn to the weavers at stable prices, Government has introduced a National Silk Yarn Bank Scheme from 1992-93 to be implemented, to begin with, in the States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and the North Eastern States.

**राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के उद्देश्य**

*479. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी**: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम ने अब उन उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त कर लिया है जिनके लिए इसकी स्थापना की गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि नौकरशाहों में व्याप्त भ्रष्टाचार और उनके अविवेक पूर्ण निर्णयों के कारण इन उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त नहीं किया जा सका ?

**वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत)** (क) से (ग) राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम को निगमित करने का मुख्य उद्देश्य सरकार द्वारा अधिग्रहीत रुग्ण वस्त्र उपक्रमों के मामलों की देखरेख करना था यह भी प्रस्ताव था कि इन मिलों को आर्थिक रुप से अर्थक्षम बनाने के लिये